

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

At the heart of FCC is the word "communications," an exchange of information or ideas. Unfortunately, that apparently means using information generated by the telecommunications and broadcast industries to bolster arguments for further deregulation of ownership constraints. It certainly does not mean listening to the those who actually own the airwaves: the public. With the exception of a few independent journalists and the alternative media, the lack of coverage of this important issue illustrates who decides what we see and hear.

The FCC has shown its total lack of integrity and objectivity, especially in Chairman Powell's refusal to heed the overwhelming negative response to proposed changes and his continuing defiance of the public will. , but also undermines the efficacy and viability of an agency that serves those whom it is charged with regulating.